

School Advisory Council

Date: May 3, 2018

Time: 7:30 am

Place: Holy Family Room

Attendees: Angela Bostrom, Ray Adams, Dan Wright, Teresa Holt, Stephanie Adler, Ruth Dean Janet Clements, Lori McFarland, Sandra Kennison, Paul Whalen, John Kiefer, and Father Vince

Opening

Meeting called to order by way of prayer led by Angela Bostrom. (Prior to meeting the agenda was prepared and emailed to the council.

Agenda

Agenda presented by Angela Bostrom

Advisory Council Business

1. Budget
2. Accreditation

Accreditation-

Accreditation will be this upcoming school year. SAC members will be interviewed as a group just as all staff, teachers, and students will be interviewed. We will have the exact date in July. School improvement team has been meeting to prepare for the visit and will meet this month.

School Symposium is May 8 – Father Vince, John and Angela will attend.

Budget –

- Tough budget year 2018- 2019
- Loan repayment with principal payments begins this fiscal year.
- 8th grade class is very small. They have been a very small class since kindergarten.
- Finance Council rejected first budget.

Father asked that we comb through budget:

- Made cuts in technology and some other areas, but these cuts amounted to very little.
- Staffing seems to be the most likely area to cut since we have cut all the areas that we can.

Notable items discussed and clarified in budgetary discussions:

- A. Office of Catholic Schools developed a teacher salary scale to close the gap between public school teacher salaries and Catholic schools, but we are not able to implement this scale.
- B. New tax codes that change itemizing deductions could impact giving and donations.
- C. We have three categories of families:
 - 1. Those that can afford tuition.
 - 2. Those that can't afford tuition. (don't qualify for vouchers)*
 - 3. Those that qualify for vouchers.

*Need to address category number 2 as many from the exit interviews say that they are leaving due to financial reasons.

- D. Staff cuts send a message of not being stable.
- E. Preschool is profitable and supports school.
- F. Bottom line for the budget –
 - Need to cut \$60,000 - \$70,000.
 - Finance Council Meeting May 8.

Adjournment: Angela Bostrom

Next Meeting: Tentatively July 12

Minutes submitted by: Sandra Kennison

Approved by: Angela Bostrom